PureGym, Barnsley Retail Park

Parking Policy

Introduction

This document has been prepared to address the requirements of condition no. 9 of planning permission ref. 2023/1149. The planning permission in question relates to the removal of a condition attached to permission ref. 2017/1540 to enable Unit 6 of Barnsley Retail Park to operate on a 24-hour basis (in this instance as a gymnasium). Condition no. 9 states:

'Before the use of the development commences, a parking policy shall be submitted to the local planning authority requiring any customers parking after 23:00 or before 7:00 to use bays furthest away from the northern boundary of the site. Once agreed, the parking policy shall be implemented in full and be retained at all times for the duration of the development.'

An assessment of potential noise impacts associated with the 24-hour use of the site was contained within the Environmental Noise Impact Assessment submitted in support of application 2023/1149. This found that vehicle noise was likely to have negligible effects on the worst affected noise sensitive receptor, having regard to IEMA guidance. However, the reason for condition no. 9 is to reduce or remove adverse impacts on health and quality of life and this document therefore demonstrates how residual impacts associated with the use of the car park at night will be further managed and reduced.

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In order that noise from members entering and leaving the site outside of staffed hours may be minimised, suitable signage will be placed at the entrance and exit areas of the unit to remind members to be considerate of the neighbours, especially during unsociable hours. This will include signage requesting gym users not to use spaces on the far northern side of the car park, close to existing residential properties. Details of the proposed signage are attached at Annex 1.

The entrance area and car park areas are covered by remotely monitored CCTV so that any persistent antisocial behaviour related to members arriving at and leaving the site may be monitored and investigated where necessary.

Where members are persistently found to be creating a nuisance and disturbance entering and leaving the premises, identification may be made from their PIN numbers used during entry to the building and disciplinary action will be taken in line with PureGym's standard disciplinary policy. In serious cases or persistent cases, an individual's membership will be terminated using PureGym's membership termination policy.

All PureGym's sites are monitored by manned CCTV coverage 24 hours a day. Any antisocial behaviour witnessed during out of hours periods will be noted and recorded in accordance with the CCTV standard operating procedures.

In serious situations, the CCTV team will alert the emergency services and will be requested to attend site. In less serious situations members may be identified by their PIN number and will be contacted following an internal investigation. The member may be given either a verbal warning, or for more serious or persistent cases, their membership may be terminated under PureGym's membership termination policy.

Summary

In summary, this document sets out PureGym's parking policy to encourage, monitor and where necessary enforce measures that will assist in reducing potential noise and disturbance associated with the operation of the existing car park at Barnsley Retail Park during the night.

Annex 1

Proposed Signage

Neighbours' advisory; Barnsley

Proposed

2No Position for advisory

Please respect our neighbours and keep noise to a minimum when entering and leaving the gym between the hours of 11pm and 6.30am

Example sign above

Exact wording to say -Please respect our neighbours and do not use these car parking spaces between the hours of 11pm and 7am'



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